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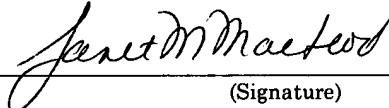
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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First Named Inventor : Xuri Li
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Examiner : Misook Yu
Docket No. : 029065.48885D1
Customer No. : 23911
Title : Methods for Detecting the Presence of Tumor Cells and for
Screening for Anti-Tumor Agents

COMMUNICATION AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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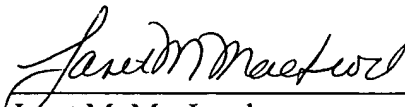
A restriction requirement was issued in the captioned patent application on September 15, 2006 with a one month period for reply. On October 2, 2006, a telephone interview was held between Applicants' representative, Janet M. MacLeod, and Examiner Misook Yu to discuss the restriction requirement. All claims were discussed and no exhibits nor demonstrations were shown. Applicants noted apparent errors in the restriction requirement, i.e., Groups VII and X are identical, Groups VIII and XI are identical, and Claims 64, 69, 70 and 74 are not addressed. It is Applicants' understanding that the Examiner agreed to withdraw the official action and issue a new restriction requirement.

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In view of the agreement reached on October 2, 2006, Applicants request that the Examiner vacate the September 15, 2006 official action.

Respectfully submitted,

December 12, 2006

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet M. MacLeod", written over a horizontal line.

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